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Applicant:	Joachim Hossick-Schott	Examiner:	William T. Leader
Serial No.:	10/058, 437	Group Art Unit:	1742
Filed:	January 28, 2002	Docket:	P10320.00
Title:	METHODS OF ANODIZING VALVE METAL ANODES		

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 8, 2003 having a shortened three-month statutory period for reply set to expire on January 8, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in advance of the expiry of the period for reply.

Pursuant to the Office Action claims 1-30 are pending in the application, claims 1-3, 10-12 and 27 are rejected, and claims 4-9, 13-26, and 28-30 are objected to.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**Comments: RE: P-10320.00  
Serial No. 10/058,437  
Applicants: Joachim Hossick-Schott  
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Attached please find the following documents:

☒ Amendment  
☒ Transmittal

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

In re Application of: Joachim Hossick-Schott  
For: METHODS OF ANODIZING VALVE METAL ANODES  
Serial No.: 10/058,437  
Filed: January 28, 2002

**CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8.** I hereby certify that this Amendment and Transmittal and the paper(s), as described herein are being sent to telefacsimile No. (703) 872 9306, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

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☒ AMENDMENT**FEE CALCULATION:**

FEE CALCULATION	No. of Claims Filed	No of Claims Previously paid for	No. of Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	40	30	10	x 18	\$180.00
Independent Claims	3	3		x 86	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				+ 270	
TOTAL					\$180.00

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Applicant hereby petitions for \_\_\_\_\_ months' extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.

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Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time.

Date

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